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SUBJECT: DISSIDENT COMMUNISTS MERGE; CARRILLO ACCUSED OF  
"BLOOD CRIMES"

SUMMARY: ENRIQUE LISTER'S SPLINTER COMMUNIST PCOE AND A GROUP  
OF PURPORTED FORMER INTERNAL PCE DISSIDENTS HAVE ANNOUNCED  
THEIR MERGER. ACCORDING TO LISTER, HIS SOON-TO-BE-RELEASED  
MEMOIRS WILL CHRONICLE PCE SEC GEN CARRILLO'S "BLOOD CRIMES."  
END SUMMARY.

1. SEVENTY-YEAR-OLD REPUBLICAN CIVIL WAR HERO ENRIQUE LISTER,  
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LEADER OF THE SPLINTER SPANISH COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY (PCOE),

AND JESUS AGUILAR, OF A SELF-STYLED "OPPOSITION OF THE LEFT" (OPI), UNTIL RECENTLY WITHIN SANTIAGO CARRILLO'S PCE, ANNOUNCED ON OCT 29 AT A BRUSSELS PRESS CONFERENCE THE FUSION OF THEIR TWO GROUPS, ACCORDING TO SPANISH PRESS REPORTS. A "CONGRESS OF UNIFICATION" REPORTEDLY WILL BE HELD WITHIN 5 OR 6 MONTHS.

2. ACCORDING TO LISTER AND AGUILAR, WHO LASHED OUT AT CARRILLO'S "SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC REVISIONISM," THE PURPOSE OF THE MERGER IS TO "RECONSTRUCT THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY WHICH THE PROLETARIAT NEEDS IN ORDER TO OFFER A WORKING CLASS ALTERNATIVE AND TO CONQUER THE REAL DEMOCRACY WHICH WILL ADVANCE SPAIN TOWARD SOCIALISM." THE PRO-MOSCOW LISTER, WHO BROKE WITH CARRILLO AFTER THE LATTER'S CRITICISM OF THE SOVIETS' 1968 INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, REPORTEDLY ALSO TOLD THE PRESS THAT HIS MEMOIRS, WHICH ARE IN THEIR FINAL STAGE, WILL DEAL IN EXPLICIT DETAIL WITH "BLOOD CRIMES" WHICH CARRILLO HAS COMMITTED.

3. AGUILAR DESCRIBED THE OPI AS A GROUP OF FORMER PCE MILITANTS WHO HAD ATTEMPTED, UNSUCCESSFULLY, TO WORK FROM WITHIN TO RESTORE THE PARTY'S MARXIST-LENINIST ELAN. WHEN THAT COURSE FAILED, THE GROUP (NUMBERS UNSPECIFIED BUT APPARENTLY QUITE SMALL) OPTED FOR FUSION WITH LISTER'S PCOE IN ORDER TO CONFRONT THE PCE OPENLY FROM WITHOUT.

4. COMMENT: LISTER, PROBABLY CARRILLO'S PREMIER BETE NOIRE SINCE THEIR PARTING OF THE WAYS IN THE LATE SIXTIES, NEVER HAS BEEN A THREAT TO THE LATTER'S LEADERSHIP OF THE PCE, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS BACKED BY THE SOVIETS AS A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO CARRILLO FOR A FEW YEARS. HOWEVER, HIS THREAT TO BARE THE PCE SECGEN'S PREVIOUS MISDEEDS IS LIKELY TO MAKE CARRILLO RATHER UNCOMFORTABLE, PARTICULARLY AT THIS SENSITIVE POLITICAL JUNCTURE. MOREOVER, WHILE LISTER AND AGUILAR ARE UNLIKELY TO REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF COMMUNIST MILITANTS, THE PROSPECT OF YET ANOTHER ORGANIZED AND "UNDISCIPLINED," AND THIS TIME PRO-MOSCOW, GROUP ON THE PCE'S FLANK MUST REPRESENT AN UNWELCOME COMPLICATION OF THE PARTY'S POLITICAL LIFE.  
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